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**HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items**

This regular column in the Golden Informer identifies some of the items of greater community interest that are likely to be scheduled for community discussion in coming weeks. For specific agendas and schedules visit www.cityofgolden.net.

**Special Election Results**

The results of the Special Election in Ward 4, which were unknown as of press time, are available online at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on Elections Information in the left hand navigation bar.

**Ward Meetings**

It’s time for citizens to come out and chat with their Councilors at the annual Golden City Council Ward Meetings. Each Ward Councilor will host a meeting and discuss items of interest in their specific ward. The Mayor, District Councilors and City staff will also be in attendance.

Citizens are encouraged to attend to learn more about what’s going on in their community, and provide input and feedback to their elected officials. Help the City of Golden be responsive to you – show up and voice your opinions.

Mark your calendars for:

- **Ward 1** — 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 5 in Exhibit Hall 3 of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 15200 W. Sixth Ave.
- **Ward 2** — 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 12 at Shelton Elementary School, 420 Crawford St.
- **Ward 3** — 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 19 at Mitchell Elementary School, 201 Rubey Drive.
- **Ward 4** — 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 2 at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St.

If you have questions, contact Communications Manager Sabrina D’Agosta at 303-384-8132 or sdagosta@cityofgolden.net.

**Help Plan Your Neighborhood's Future**

The Golden Planning Commission is in the process of creating neighborhood planning documents in several neighborhoods in 2008. The **North Neighborhoods Plan** draft document will be presented at an open house at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 21 in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. Residents and owners north of State Highway 58 are encouraged to attend to review and comment on the draft plan. Planning for the **East Street Neighborhood Plan** will begin at an open house and project kickoff meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 18 in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St. For more information, call Planning Director Steve Glueck at 303-384-8095 or email PlanningCommission@cityofgolden.net.

**Boyd Street Detour Scheduled**

As the new Washington Avenue bridge over State Highway 58 is constructed, a section of Boyd Street will be closed from June through September in order to fabricate the pedestrian bridges. By doing so, the contractor will be able to reduce construction time by about four months because the pedestrian bridges can be constructed off site while the main bridge is built, and can be moved as one large piece directly into place. A small detour in the area will be required as illustrated below. If you have questions about the detour, contact Public Works at 303-384-8150.

Below is the Golden City Council’s calendar. Regular study sessions are scheduled for the first and third Thursdays and regular business meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month 7 p.m. Thursdays in Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

**May 8**

Regular Study Session and **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

**May 22**

Regular Study Session and **REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net.

Public comment is welcomed and on the agenda at all regular meetings.
The long-running fight over transportation improvements in the so-called “Northwest Quadrant” – the northwest region of the Denver Metro area – is once again making headlines.

Golden has long agreed with the importance of fixing congestion in the northwest corridor of the metro area. There are two proposals for doing this: You can build a new tolled superhighway or you can take advantage of the existing road network. Both solutions would complete the connection between C-470 and the Northwest Parkway, but every study to date shows that only one – improving the existing highways and arterial roads – actually relieves congestion. In addition, building a new tolled highway will cost substantially more. Although beltway proponents sometimes tout much smaller numbers, credible estimates put the price tag of a new highway connecting the Northwest Parkway and C-470 at a billion dollars or more.

Golden’s top concern is obviously with what happens in our own community, and my most important commitment as Mayor is to make sure that any transportation improvements in Golden improve our community rather than harm it. No other city along the beltway has been asked to accommodate a large new highway plowing through their community.

Golden created the Muller Plan, a design for highway improvements through Golden that would meet all of the current and projected traffic and protect our community values. The Muller Plan would widen Highway 93 through Golden but keep speeds in town to 45 mph.

It would reduce congestion by eliminating some of the traffic lights and replacing them with on- and off-ramps. Eliminating lights would reduce pollution and noise, since a great deal of both is generated when vehicles accelerate after stopping at a red light. In addition, replacing lights with well-designed overpasses would make it easier to cross Highways 93 and 6 on foot, by bicycle or in a car, thus improving the connections between our western neighborhoods and the rest of the community.

The Muller Plan would also include significant noise mitigation. Jefferson County Commissioner Kevin McCasky now says he supports the sorts of mitigation included in the Muller Plan, and while the devil is in the details, that is a promising first step toward a resolution.

Golden supports relieving congestion in the Northwest Quadrant and we support attracting new high-quality jobs to the region. We are ready to work with Jefferson County and our other neighbors to make that happen, but any solution has to meet our own community’s needs for reducing noise, pollution and congestion, and for improving the connections – pedestrian, bicycle, and car – between our neighborhoods on the west side of town with the rest of Golden.

For more information on the Muller Plan, visit www.cityofgolden.net/News.asp?NewsID=54.
Golden Sustainability Initiative Receives Community Outreach Award

The Golden Sustainability Initiative is the Gold Winner recipient of the prestigious Community Outreach/Public Education award through the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Local Government Awards Program.

Golden Mayor Jacob Smith and Golden Urban Renewal Authority (GURA) Executive Director Mark Heller were presented with certificates for their achievements with the project at the DRCOG Annual Awards Dinner on April 30.

The City of Golden launched its 10-year sustainability initiative during a town hall meeting at the end of February 2007, which was followed by four months of intensive discussion and research by seven community working groups. Golden used a highly distinctive bottom-up, grassroots approach led by citizens to set City policy in seven different areas of sustainability, several of which forward the transportation, water quality and air quality goals laid out in DRCOG’s Metro Vision plan.

In finalizing 10-year sustainability goals and programs to meet those goals, citizens were kept informed and participated via regular updates on a dedicated page of the City’s website, publicly-viewable Yahoo! Groups, scheduled weekly public meetings, articles in the local paper and City newsletter, and by calling the Golden Urban Renewal Authority’s office with questions/comments.

After four months, the seven working groups recommended adoption of ambitious 10-year sustainability goals on energy use, transportation, water, economic development, and other areas. The groups made 65 concrete program recommendations. Golden City Council immediately referred 15 of the recommendations to staff for more detailed review, created a Citizens Sustainability Advisory Board to ensure implementation, and committed significant funding for staffing and other investments related to achieving the sustainability goals.

“Golden is honored to have been chosen as the recipient of this important DRCOG award and we hope to share what we have learned in the process of developing our sustainability program with our metro-area neighbors so that they can also achieve success in this critical area,” said Mayor Jacob Smith.

For more information about Golden’s Sustainability Initiative, visit www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability.
Energy Services Company Helps Further City’s Sustainability Efforts

In 2007, the City of Golden entered the energy performance contracting program through the Colorado Governor’s Energy Office. Through a competitive solicitation, the City chose an energy services company called McKinstry as its sustainability partner to complete an audit of all of the City’s facilities. The goal was to determine where additional energy conservation measures could be applied to reduce the City’s utility expenditures.

In November 2007, McKinstry presented a list of potential energy efficiency improvements to the City — everything from lighting retrofits to building envelope improvements to major HVAC redesign.

From December 2007 to January 2008, McKinstry evaluated each measure on the list, and developed cost estimates and energy and operational savings to determine payback scenarios. The results of the technical energy audit were presented to City staff and the Governor’s Energy Office in early February.

The final list includes lighting retrofits and occupancy sensors in nearly every City building, with a major redesign of the Golden Community Center pool lighting to increase lighting quality. Outdoor lighting will be retrofit at many locations to comply with the City’s Dark Sky Initiative. The Golden Community Center will receive new air handling systems to replace aging rooftop units and an updated energy management system to give better comfort control and manage occupant schedules to reduce energy costs. In addition, the existing dehumidifier will be optimized to recover more heat from the air in the pool area and achieve additional energy savings. Most significantly, a solar panel system will be installed on the roof of the Community Center to heat the pool water and significantly reduce use of natural gas.

The Public Works and Planning Department building is located above the water treatment plant storage tank, creating an uncomfortable winter working environment. A new boiler and floor insulation will be installed to solve this issue and save energy. Improvement measures at other City buildings include controls upgrades and optimization, the installation of variable speed drives on pump motors, and many other HVAC improvements. McKinstry is also evaluating the installation of a small-scale wind turbine for electricity generation at the new vehicle shops building.

The total cost of these facility improvement measures is approximately $1.1 million. The City is seeking up to half of the total cost of this project in grant funding from the Department of Local Affairs’ Energy and Mineral Impact Grant Assistance Program. The City will also receive substantial rebates from Xcel Energy after installation of these upgrades and will save more than $80,000 a year in utility and operational savings. Most importantly, City residents and staff will benefit from increased comfort and safety.

Construction of this project is expected to start in August 2008 after grant funding is secured. Come experience the enhancements at the Community Center pool in 2009 and be proud of our community’s commitment to sustainability!
The City of Golden is participating in an irrigation audit program again this year that allows residents to get a free sprinkler system inspection to help save money by using less water.

Residents are encouraged to sign up now for a free inspection to be scheduled between June and August. If you receive water from the City of Golden and have an underground sprinkler system that waters your lawn, you are eligible for this free service. Commercial and HOA sites may also be eligible to participate.

An irrigation inspection is a series of tests performed on a sprinkler system that determines its efficiency. The tests check the application rate, uniformity of application and pressure of the system, and the soil type and root depth of the grass. These measures help determine how well the system is working and how it can be improved to develop the most appropriate watering schedule for the specific type of landscape. The entire process takes about two hours for most residential properties.

Many irrigation systems can benefit from simple changes such as fixing or adjusting sprinkler heads, ensuring correct operating pressure, and implementing appropriate watering schedules given the site characteristics.

In 2007, Golden program participants watered an average of 4.25 days per week for a total of 82 minutes. It is generally recommended that turf should be watered once every four days in May, once every three days in June, July and August, once every six days in September and once every ten days in October or until the end of the irrigation season.

Throughout previous years of participation in the program, it was determined that almost all Golden residents should cycle their watering times to encourage deeper roots and prevent excess runoff. The term cycling, or “cycle and soak,” refers to running sprinklers repeatedly within an irrigation interval to allow better water absorption. When a system is cycled, the total number of minutes being watered is divided into several shorter watering times. Individual zones are turned on and off multiple times within an irrigation interval, with rest periods of about an hour between each cycle; This practice allows the water to percolate deeper into the soil profile. As a result, the grass roots are encouraged to grow downward instead of outward to find water. Deep roots allow for better drought tolerance and disease resistance.

Sign up for your free inspection today and save money on your water bill by getting the right amount of water in the right place at the right time. Improve the appearance of your landscape and help conserve one of Colorado’s most precious resources.

Contact the Center for ReSource Conservation at 303-441-3278, ext. 17, or visit www.conservation-center.org to sign up for your free inspection today. Sign up early as available appointments were filled early last year.
Perhaps one of the most looked forward to weekends of the year, Golden Community Pride Days is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4 at the new City Shops facility at 1300 Catamount Drive.

Golden Community Pride Days is an annual opportunity provided by the City for citizens to clean up their yards and businesses by taking items to a free drop-off location. These items would normally have to be hauled off to landfills at citizens’ expense.

Golden residents may dispose of rubbish, construction materials, scrap metal, tires (maximum of 4 per household) and electronics at this location for free.

The City will again accept computers and electronics, including PCs, TVs, monitors, printers, fax machines, scanners, copiers, cell phones, PDAs, stereo equipment, typewriters, keyboards, mice, VCRs, circuit boards and hard drives.

On-site paper shredding is also back by popular demand to help citizens prevent identity theft.

Citizens can bring untreated lumber, tree limbs and brush for on-site grinding. This is a great way to clean up yards that back to open space and get rid of items that pose a wildfire danger.

As part of Community Pride Days, the City also provides coupons (see Page 9) for free curbside pickup of unusable appliances and scrap metal, and free hazardous waste drop-off for household chemicals, old paint, batteries, etc. **No appliances or hazardous materials will be accepted at the City Shops site.** Instead, please use the valuable appliance pickup and hazardous chemical drop off coupons on Page 9. Details and reservation telephone numbers are listed on the coupons.

All services are for Golden residents only. Proof of Golden residency (a current driver’s license or your most recent Golden water bill will serve as proof) is required in order to participate in this community event. Remember that many Golden mailing addresses are not within Golden city limits. To determine if you are a Golden resident, visit the Jefferson County address wizard at http://ww14.co.jefferson.co.us/awiz/.

See article on Page 8 for details and a map.

**Compost Recycling**: Drop-off site at 1300 Catamount Drive.

**Free Senate-Driven Recycling**

**Free Hazardous Chemical Drop**

**Free Appliance Pickup**
As part of the City of Golden’s Community Pride Days event, Golden residents may use the following coupons, good for one free hazardous chemical drop at the Rooney Road Recycling Center, and one free curbside appliance pick up from Complete Recycling. Use the City Shops drop-off site at 1300 Catamount Drive for other rubbish. See article on Page 8 for details and a map.

### FREE HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL DROP

**Good for one FREE household hazardous chemical drop.** Value of $13 for up to 10 gallons of latex, 25 gallons of oil, 5 car batteries, or 75 pounds of other material. A per-pound fee will be charged depending on material type and amount for all items over 75 pounds total – call for more information or pricing.

**You can bring:**
- Antifreeze
- Automotive batteries
- Batteries
- Drain cleaner
- Expired medicine
- Furniture polish
- Floor cleaner/wax
- Lacquers/paint
- Oven cleaner
- Paint thinner/remover
- Radiator flushes
- Rodent poison
- Waste oil
- Scrap metal
- Barbeques
- Stoves
- Ovens
- Water heaters

Rooney Road Recycling Center, 151 S. Rooney Road
www.rooneyroadrecycling.org

No containers more than 75 pounds

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** Call 303-316-6262

DROP OFF THROUGH MAY 31, 2008

### FREE APPLIANCE PICKUP

**Good for one FREE curbside appliance pickup and recycling.**

**Appliances accepted include:**
- Washers
- Dryers
- Dishwashers
- Compactors
- Microwaves
- Grills
- Refrigerators
- Freezers
- Air conditioners
- Water heaters
- Scrap metal
- Barbeques
- Stoves
- Ovens

Call Complete Recycling at 720-219-9604
(You may have to leave a message.)

**PICKUP MUST TAKE PLACE BY MAY 18, 2008**
Ladies Only Sample Tour
On May 1, get “L.O.S.T.” in historic downtown Golden, where you’re sure to find interesting samples and free services while you shop ’til you drop. Sponsored by the Original Shopping Districts, the “Ladies Only Sample Tour” is a special girls’ night out for friends, daughters, mothers, colleagues and in-laws. With the purchase of a $10 L.O.S.T. bracelet, all ladies receive free products and services in-store and a 60-day redemption coupon book. L.O.S.T. bracelets are eligible for freebies that night between 4 and 7 p.m. – so comfortable shoes for shopping are a necessity. Bracelets are on sale April 15 for $10 each at participating merchants in historic downtown Golden. If any remain, bracelets may be purchased on May 1 at designated areas in downtown. It is recommended that bracelets are pre-purchased. Ladies, start your shopping carts. L.O.S.T. begins promptly at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 1.

First Fridays
Join downtown Golden merchants who are keeping their doors open late the first Friday of each month. Free horse-drawn carriage rides will be available through historic downtown Golden, and several shops will have their own treats for you to enjoy, so dress warm and come on down and enjoy.

An Afternoon at the Opera
The Jefferson Symphony Orchestra will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at the Green Center on Colorado School of Mines campus, 16th and Cheyenne streets. The theme of the concert is: “Who Could Ask for Anything More! — An Afternoon at the Opera.” Call 303-278-4237 or visit www.jefferson-symphonyorchestra.org to purchase tickets. Cost is $17 for adults, $15 for seniors with other discounts for students and children. Music selections are listed online.

Fairmount 5000 Fun Run
The Fairmount Elementary PTA is hosting the third annual running of the Fairmount 5000 at 9 a.m. May 4 at Fairmount Park, 5222 Quaker St. This is a fun family event designed to raise money for strategic priorities at Fairmount Elementary School. Contact Marla Gordon at 303-215-9116 with any questions and register at Active.com. Cost is $15 for students and $20 for those 18 and older. A $5 additional fee is applied if you register on race day.

Golden in the 1920s
Join the Golden Pioneer Museum for a ribbon cutting in celebration of the grand opening of its new addition at 10 a.m. May 5. The expanded facility will house two to three changing exhibits each year. The first exhibit, “Golden in the 1920s,” features the KKK, Prohibition, Jazz, Flappers and the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Also included in the exhibit is a 1925 Harley Davidson motorcycle with sidecar.

Boulder Acoustic Society concert
Boulder Acoustic Society has been all over the country playing venues and festivals, large and small. In July 2006, they placed second in the Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Contest – not bad considering they’re not a bluegrass band! This unique instrumental and vocal quartet has simply got to be seen and heard to be believed – you’ve never experienced anything quite like it before, guaranteed.
**MAY 10**

**Free Flowers for Mothers**
Participating downtown merchants are offering free flowers for moms for Mother’s Day. Come and treat your mom.

**MAY 11**

**Mother’s Day**

**MAY 13, 14 & 15**

**Introduction to Watercolor with Gene Youngmann**
If you have ever wanted to learn to paint in watercolor, here’s an opportunity to learn the basics from a master watercolorist. In this three day workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 13-15 at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St., students will learn basic watercolor techniques, including color mixing from a limited palette and how to select materials. Visit www.youngmannwatercolors.com for more information. Call 303-279-3922 to register. Cost is $180 or $162 for members.

**MAY 17**

**Set your Horizons with Kathy Beekman**
With a creative attitude toward landscape painting, instructor Kathy Beekman will lead you through this innovative class from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 17 at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Aiming at helping you discover the importance of properly placed horizon lines, students will learn what a low and high horizon line accomplishes and where best to place your horizons. This class is open to artists working in pastel, watercolor, acrylic, pen, and pencil. Cost is $45 or $40.50 for members. Call 303-279-3922 to register.

**MAY 17 & 18**

**Relay for Life**
Golden will celebrate its 10th annual Relay For Life on May 17 and 18 at Brooks Field on the Colorado School of Mines campus. Teams of people camp out and take turns walking or running continuously around the track, with the event lasting 12- to 24-hours. The evening includes entertainment of an all-night DJ, games, silent auction, and food donated by local Golden restaurants and businesses. At dusk, lit luminarias outline the track in honor of those lost to cancer and for cancer survivors. In 2007, the Golden community raised $50,000 towards the fight against cancer. This year, more than 400 participants from the Golden area are expected and local organizers have set a goal of raising $60,000. Sign up at http://events.cancer.org/rflgoldenco.

**MAY 26**

**Memorial Day**
City of Golden administrative offices closed.

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**Taste Pies & Toss Eggs!**
Celebrate the opening of the Clear Creek History Park’s summer season from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10. This year’s event includes friendly competition, so roll up your sleeves and get the whole family involved! You won’t want to miss the pie baking contest results at 11:30 a.m., where dozens of homemade pies will be competing for the blue ribbon. Immediately following the pie contest will be the annual egg toss—all ages can participate. Admission is $3 adults, museum members free, and senior and youth discounts, age 5 and under are free. For more information, visit www.ClearCreekHistoryPark.org or call 303-278-3557.

**Make a May Basket Together**
Have you ever made a May basket full of flowers (and maybe candy) for a friend or loved one? Enjoy this activity with your child and learn the history of this celebrated tradition at 10:30 a.m. May 10 at the Golden Pioneer Museum. Cost is $10 per child/adult pair. Call Kathryn Maleva to register at 303-278-7151.

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Tickets are $12 in advance or $15 at the door. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and concert starts at 7:30 p.m. at Acoustic Alley at Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Visit www.acousticalley.org or call 720-870-0397.

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**MAY 9 THROUGH JUNE 6**

**Open Fridays with Steve Tracy**
Are you looking for a fun and encouraging atmosphere to delve into painting? Students of all levels and mediums are invited to join Steve in this exciting investigation of painting from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Fridays May 9 through June 6 at Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Cost is $135, or $121.50 for members. Call 303-279-3922.

**May 2008**

For more up to date information or other things to do in Golden, visit www.2HourVacation.com.

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**To list a community event**

**happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:**
Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to sdagosta@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.
With the return of warm spring days, motorists are beginning to return to Golden with their customized vehicles. Related to this, the Golden Police Department greatly anticipates the implementation of a community-based cooperative partnership entitled: “Silence-is-Golden,” our Ride & Drive Community-Friendly initiative.

The strong health of our city and our revitalized historic downtown district now enjoys vibrant nightlife, restaurants, and social activities which co-exist alongside many new residents choosing to live there. This cooperative project was created in an effort to strive toward encouraging a peaceful environment where these diverse uses can co-exist in harmony.

In response to increasing complaints over the severe noise emitted from customized vehicles with illegal exhaust systems, the Golden Police Department has entered a collaborative relationship with businesses and event hosts that attract these types of customized vehicles. This project incorporates a cooperative effort to share the value of doing everything we can to reduce the impact that the severe noise of illegal exhaust systems have upon those that live, work, and visit our great city.

This cooperative effort incorporates all three aspects of a problem solving model: Education, Engineering, and Enforcement. Each of the businesses and event hosts, which attract customized vehicles with altered exhaust systems, have embraced this cooperative effort with the Golden Police Department. These include: The Buffalo Rose Saloon; Susie’s Bar & Grill; Scotty Dawgs; and the Golden Super Cruise. Each of these partners worked collaboratively to create a model to encourage operators of customized vehicles to Ride & Drive Community-Friendly, or more specifically as quietly as they can while traveling in high-density, multi-use areas.

The Education aspect will include as many methods to communicate this value to operators of these type vehicles. This value has been printed on large signs, drink coasters, posters, and explained in pamphlets which will be in these businesses and at these events. This effort to reduce the impact of undue noise will be shared with motorists and any interested groups in informational sessions entitled: “T.A.M.E. I.T.,” which is an acronym for: “Ticket Avoidance Motor-vehicle Exhaust Informational Training.”

The second aspect of Engineering includes recommendations that the owners of these customized vehicles bring them into compliance with the law by merely installing exhaust systems that meet the legal requirements of baffling/sound reduction. If the Education and Engineering efforts fail to curb riding and driving behavior that appears purposefully loud, then the Golden Police Department will resort to the last method of curbing this activity by relying upon strict Enforcement. This enforcement model involves traffic citations issued to flagrant violators with illegal exhaust systems.

The strongest aspect of this project is that it represents a community cooperative effort to reduce purposeful noise. Through this collective community voice there is hope of growing this as a shared value between the community and the motorists. If the custom vehicle motorists embrace this value by Riding & Driving Community-Friendly, the police department will not have to gain compliance through traditional enforcement.

For more information about the Silence-is-Golden” Ride & drive Community-Friendly project, you may contact Glenn Moore, Community Resource Officer of the Golden Police Department at 303-384-8080 or at gemoore@cityofgolden.net.
The Golden Police Department is now accepting applications for the 2008 Youth Citizens Academy. The Academy will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 16 through June 20 with a special graduation ceremony to take place the evening of June 20.

The Academy is designed to allow youth between the ages of 13 and 17 the opportunity for an inside view of law enforcement as a potential career while learning about teamwork, leadership and personal responsibility. Academy topics include criminal law, crime scene investigations, patrol procedures, accident investigation, firearms safety and use, career opportunities and much more. The academy is interactive with team building exercises and “hands on” activities.

There is no residency requirement or cost to participate, but applicants must:

· Be 13 to 17 years of age;
· Pass a criminal background check;
· Submit a 500- to 700-word essay explaining why they would like to attend and how they will apply the skills they learn;
· Submit written recommendation from a school resource officer, principal or community leader;
· Complete an application and sign the liability waiver; and
· Commit to attend all five days of classes.

Applications are available at the Golden Police Department, local school offices and on the Police Department’s webpage at www.cityofgolden.net. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. May 23 at the Golden Police Department, 911 10th St. For additional information, contact Officer Denise Mehnert at 303-384-8114, Sergeant Ryan Custer at 303-384-8193 or a local Golden school resource officer.

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The Golden Police Department’s 2008 Citizens Academy is set to begin July 14 and scheduled for 18 weeks of classroom and skills education.

The Academy combines classroom presentations with hands-on activities to provide the participants with a comprehensive experience. Participants will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. Mondays for classroom presentations, and three weekend days for demonstrations and education in arrest control, self defense tactics, driving and firearms. In addition to the skills training, participants will be exposed to K9 patrol, drug enforcement, traffic accident investigations, DUI traffic enforcement and crime scene investigations.

Applications are now being accepted and are available at the Golden Police Department and online at www.cityofgolden.net under the Department’s Adult Academy webpage. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older with a valid Colorado driver’s license and able to pass a criminal background check. There is no residency requirement.

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. by June 13 at the Golden Police Department, 911 10th St. For additional information, contact an Academy Coordinators Officer Jamie Dunaway at 303-215-8873 or Officer Denise Mehnert at 303-384-8045.
The Golden Fire Department got the keys to its new Fire Station No. 1 in mid-April and has moved into the new building at the same location as the former site, adjacent to City Hall at 911 10th St.

Golden Fire Station No. 1 was originally built in 1961 and underwent a major renovation in 1974. As call volumes increased over the years, the Golden Fire Department was challenged to find ways to continue providing exceptional fire response while maintaining one of the last remaining vibrant volunteer departments in the metro area.

The Department’s solution was to begin scheduling volunteers into shifts, but that required a place to house them that includes sleeping quarters and other accommodations for spending lengthy periods of time. Station No. 1 did not formerly have those capabilities, so Golden City Council approved construction of a brand new facility on the same site.

The Golden Fire Department moved into temporary facilities at the former City shops facilities in July 2007 while construction of the new station was underway. The new headquarters will house six fire apparatus, expanded administrative offices and training facilities, and crew quarters for housing up to eight volunteer firefighters on a shift program.

The Department planned a gradual transition into the new station throughout the end of April, with the fire trucks moving into their expanded new bays May 2. If all goes as expected, the Fire Department will begin running calls out of its new Station No. 1 that evening.

During the transition, customers of the Fire Department are asked to please call 303-384-8094 to make sure someone is available before stopping in to do business.

A dedication ceremony for the public to come and see the new station is being planned for Saturday June 28. More details will be announced soon, so save the date!
It is often said that the spirit of volunteerism in this small community is what so distinguishes Golden from its metro area neighbors. Historic Preservation Board member William Kistler embodies that spirit when talking about why he joined the board.

“When I first came to Colorado 20 odd years ago, I visited Golden and thought that it represented the ideal Colorado community. I now live here in an 1890s Edwardian style house and enjoy the many benefits Golden has to offer,” Kistler said.

“A firm believer in giving back to a community that offers so much to me, I applied to sit on the Golden Historic Preservation Board. Protecting the historic nature of our city is important, as it is one thing that makes us so unique.”

He’s not alone in this sentiment. Roger Mattson has served on HPB for eight years now. He said he first learned about the board through the Leadership Golden course and couldn’t help but get involved.

“I have done these things as part of an integral life style that includes service to the community that serves our family,” Mattson said.

Currently, HPB is looking for five applicants: four whose 4-year terms will expire in April 2012 and another that expires in April 2010. Regular meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month, and study sessions are generally held the evening of the third Monday of each month. If you would like to help preserve Golden’s rich history and give back to your community, you are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available online at www.cityofgolden.net by clicking on Boards & Commissions in the left-hand navigation bar and then click on Historic Preservation Board; or from the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 911 10th St. HPB applicants must live in the City of Golden and applications must be received by 5 p.m. Thursday, May 8 in the City Clerk’s Office at City Hall, 911 10th St. Applications should be returned Clerk’s Office at City Hall in person or by mail, by fax to 303-384-8001 or via email to sbrooks@cityofgolden.net. Interviews with City Council are tentatively set for the evening of Thursday, May 15.

Questions about HPB can be directed to the Planning and Development Department at 303-384-8097 or HPB@cityofgolden.net.
Space Explorers Camp
Get ready to go on a trip through the cosmos! In the SpaceTime Space Explorers Camp, explore outer space through a virtual journey into the final frontier. Around one corner, watch and create a meteor impact; around another, find out how The Solar System was formed. Get a sense of what life in space is really like with our Mission: Moon Base Virtual Adventure.
Ages: 6- to 12-years
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 9-12
$96 Resident, $100 Non-Resident

Sailing the Solar System Camp
Set sail on an amazing journey through our solar neighborhood with SpaceTime Sailing the Solar System Camp. Go on a hands-on and minds-on adventure through the Solar System, where you’ll explore the moons of Jupiter and Saturn, search for signs of life on distant worlds, build your very own SpaceTime Cosmic Cruisers, pilot a remote controlled planetary rover, hear the sounds of the Sun and much more. Be warned…you may get Space Slimed.
Ages: 6- to 12-years
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday, June 16-20
$120 Resident, $125 Non-Resident

Rockin’ Rockets Camp
If you like rockets, you’ll love SpaceTime Rockin’ Rockets Camp. Over the course of five days, this camp will do just about everything there is to do with rockets -- short of riding one into space. Experience history from the earliest rockets built 2,000 years ago to the rockets being launched today, as well as going hands-on to learn some of the science behind how they fly. While learning, have SERIOUS COSMIC FUN building and launching three different kinds of rockets (to keep), blasting off fleets of rockets simultaneously, feeling the thrill of a human gravity assist, experiencing the speed of rocket flight in 3D, and much more.
Ages: 6- to 12-years
9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 21-25
$120 Resident, $125 Non-Resident

Summer Adventure Day Camp
Enjoy “America on the Move” in our summer camp program this year. We will promote physical activity and healthy snack options to get your child moving! We offer a range of great activities such as field trips, crafts, cooking, sports, active games, swimming, hiking trips, play time in one of our beautiful parks, climbing wall time and much, much more. Registration has started and continues until the program is completely full. This activity is not available for online registration.
$30 Residents,
$35 Non-Residents per day

Golden Jr. Engineers Club (JFLL Prep)
Class will begin by stating a challenge such as “where our energy comes from to power our house and how does it get to the house?” Work in teams using imagination to create from LEGO Dacta™ kits, design and build moving mini-fig sized models to solve these challenges. This will be a sampling of what it would be like to form your own Jr. FIRST LEGO League Team™, and compete in the Fall. Teams can be formed with schools, scout troops or just friends.

Golden Sun Preschool Camp
Come join us for weekly fun. Plant a flower, paint a picture, hunt for creepy crawlies and so much more. We’ll run, hop and skip our way through the summer. Your child will enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities. Registration is open via a lottery system and continues until the program is completely full. This activity is not available for online registration.
Ages: 4- to 14-years
4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 12-17
$79 Resident, $84 Non-Resident

Skyhawks Summer Sports Camps
The Golden Parks and Recreation Department has once again partnered with Skyhawks to offer a wide variety of camps for youth of Golden. Skyhawks will provide a safe and rewarding camp experience for each participant. Every Skyhawks coach must pass a coach’s license test and is certified in first aid.

Skyhawks summer sports camps offer baseball, lacrosse, flag football, volleyball, basketball, soccer, and multi-sport classes. For more information on Skyhawks sports programs, coaches, safety and equipment visit www.skyhawks.com. Be sure to register a minimum of one week prior to camp commencement online at www.skyhawks.com or www.goldenrec.com.
Ages: 4- to 14-years

Tipper’s Summer Safety Tips

- Drink lots of water
- Take breaks from the sun and seek shade
- Use sunscreen and apply it 30 minutes before going outdoors. Reapply every 2 hours.
- Swim in supervised areas only- like Splash Water Park!
- Use insect repellants containing Deet to fight against ticks and mosquitos bites
- Be safe, and have fun!

Join Tipper for fun in the sun when The Splash water park opens for the season Saturday, May 24. The Splash is a slide-filled water park located on Illinois Street next to the Fossil Trace Golf Club in Golden. The Splash has 180-foot and 150-foot twisty, tube-riding water slides, a sand box, a 25-meter lap pool, bustling activity pool complete with fountains, wading areas and a spectacular 500-gallon dump bucket. The Splash was awarded 2007 Best Places for Families by Kids Pages Magazine.

Admission to The Splash is free for seniors and tots under two when they are accompanied by a paid admission. Golden Community Center annual pass holders are eligible for reduced price season passes.

The Splash also offers great rates on private rentals and birthday party packages.

For more information, rates and hours of operation, call 303-277-8700 or visit www.splashingolden.com.
There is always something fun happening here!

We offer respite or entertainment - depending on when you arrive. You will always be greeted with a smile from our gracious volunteers and staff, and asked to help yourself to a cup of coffee, tea and various goodies - all provided by our Coors Can Recycling Volunteers.

We have a full schedule of card games including bridge, dominoes and mah jongg. You can shoot some pool, surf the net, catch up on your reading, volunteer your creative skills to the sewing club, or just relax before you hit your next fitness class!

Check out the announcement board or the Front Porch Newsletter for events, trips, travel and other newsworthy items. Register for volleyball, hiking, cycling, softball and other sports.

For the 50+ older adult - come check us out!

Celebrate Health!

The first Friday of each month we offer blood pressure screenings, healthy refreshments, chair massages, hand and foot reflexology, and medical foot care. Celebrate Health! is sponsored by our Coors Can Recycling Volunteers.

Free Blood Pressure Screening
Chair Massage $13 for 15 minutes
Reflexology $13 for 15 minutes
Foot Care with Chalyce $15 per pedicure
9 a.m to 1 p.m. – Appointments necessary for treatments.

Volunteer Activities

Whether you want to sew, collect cans, provide administrative duties or converse with international School of Mines students – we have people who could use your help!

Games, Classes & Clubs

We have a wide selection of classes, games and clubs happening all week long. Everything from Afternoon Book Club, Bridge, Pinochle, Dominos, Mah Jongg and Billiards; using the internet, crocheting, pottery, genealogy, and lots more.

Athletics & Wellness

The Golden Community Center offers many exercise opportunities for people at all stages of wellness and levels of fitness - from Arthritis classes in our warm water pool, to our walking track, weight room and group exercise. We also participate in the SilverSneakers® Program for 65+

For a complete schedule of exercise programs, stop in at the Front Desk and ask for information. You can also check classes online at www.goldenrec.com.

Trips & Tours

We are an active bunch here, taking trips and tours on a regular basis. We leave from the Front Porch, and depending on the event – all your costs are included in the ticket price. This May we are going to a Rockies game, the Wild Animal Sanctuary in Keenesburg, the Will Rogers Follies at the Boulder Dinner Playhouse, and taking in a restaurant or two along the way! Car enthusiasts will enjoy 2 events at the end of the month!

For more information on what’s happening,
• call 303-384-8130
• sign up for the Front Porch Newsletter
• Check out the Recreation Brochure
• Go online http://www.cityofgolden.net/page.asp?navid=334
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For more information and to apply online, visit our website at [www.cityofgolden.net](http://www.cityofgolden.net) or call the City of Golden Jobline at 303-795-8882, Option #6000. A City of Golden application must be submitted for employment consideration.
Lucky you, you’re living smack dab in someone else’s vacation. People from all over the state come to your neck of the woods to hike, bike, parasail, or hang out at one of our unique events. So why not do the same? Sneak away for a couple hours of pure enjoyment. There's two hours of fun, two minutes from home. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.